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Diversity Task Group

Arlington Vision 2020

Agenda for Monday, April 13, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Jefferson Cutter House, Arlington Center Lower Level. Enter from the rear parking lot. Our Goal: Making sure Arlington is a welcoming town!

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Short orientation for new and potential members of the Diversity Task Group
- 3. Someone to take short meeting minutes this evening.
- 4. Plan to phone people who signed-up for the Diversity Task Group through the Vision 2020 annual survey of Arlington residents. Who will make calls?
- Report on Vision 2020 Standing Committee's vote on endorsing the concept of Welcoming Massachusetts.
- Report and debriefing on April 2 Career Fair in Arlington, co-sponsored by the DTG, the Disabilities Commission and others.
- 6. Brainstorming our on-going collaboration with the Disability Commission.

7. Continuing discussion of the Focus on <u>Our Work for the Coming Months</u> and Next Year

- What issues would benefit from our attention?
- How can we uniquely contribute to issues in Arlington relating to diversity and inclusion?
- What have we accomplished so far?
- How can we extend our successes?
- What "people power" do we have to accomplish our goals?

7. Other Business

$\underline{\textbf{Schedule of future meetings for 2009 (often the } 2^{\underline{nd}} \, \underline{\textbf{Monday of the month)}}.$

May 11; June 8. These meetings will all be held at our usual meeting location, lower level of the Jefferson Cutter house.

For more information or suggestions, please feel free to contact: Gregg Ames, Chair, at 781-777-1156 or gpames63@yahoo.com Miriam Stein at 781-648-0255 or miriam.stein@comcast.net

The goal of the Diversity Task Group, set by Town Meeting, is: "We value the diversity of our population. Our Town's mix of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, as well as economic and personal circumstances, enriches us all. We will be known for the warm welcome and respect we extend to all."